Discussion with Planning Commission

102. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any discussions between his Ministry and the Planning Commission were held recently on various issues concerning his Ministry apart from the issue of under-capitalisation of AI and IA;

(b) if so, the details of discussions, held with the Planning Commission; and

(c) what is the outcome of the discussions so held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) A meeting between the Planning Commission and Ministry of Civil Aviation was held on 11.1.2005 to discuss the Annual Plan (2005-06) proposals in respect of civil aviation sector. Based on the discussions held in this meeting, the Annual Plan (2005-06) outlay in respect of civil aviation sector was fixed at Rs. 2379.32 crores. Discussions are also being held with Planning Commission in connection with finalisation of transaction documents for restructuring of Delhi and Mumbai Airports as regarding funding of some airport development projects under Japanese assistance.

Complaints on acquisition of Aircrafts

103. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints from certain MPs regarding acquisition of fleet of aircrafts by Indian Airlines and Air India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. In the letter it was alleged that Airbus Industries had offered aircraft to some other Airlines at a price lower than what being offered to Indian Airlines. The Government is ascertaining the facts of the matters.